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Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Ref: MUR 5159

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Please forgive me for the late response.

I am sorry that a complaint was filed against me for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. I believe the complaint is not justified because:

No contribution was made to Bush by the mailer for my primary campaign which only incidentally included a bumper sticker which tied my name to that of Bush (for my benefit, not his). The meat of the mailer was a letter to the voters advocating my own election.

It is not a contribution to Bush as the complaint states; I was trying to identify and convey my political position in the Republican Party in my own election, and the mailer was sent only to identified Republicans in the district. Fewer than 8,000 copies were mailed.

The mailing was made during the Washington State Primary Election, which is a separate election from the Presidential Primary. Governor Bush's name was not even on the ballot. At the time I made the mailing the Washington State Presidential Primary was long over and General Election was still months away.

The complaint was politically motivated, filed by a political opponent who came in third among three candidates.

Therefore, I hope your office will find that:

There is no reason to believe that the complaint sets forth a possible violation of the Act.

No action shall be taken as a result of the complaint.

The file should be closed.

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In the alternative, I will cooperate fully with your office and will consider Alternative Dispute Resolution Program should your office determine it to be appropriate.

I respectfully await your decision.

Yours sincerely

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Conrad Lee

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